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Regular Meeting

Commission on Local Government

11:00 a.m., January 7, 2020

Main Street Centre

12th Floor South

600 E. Main St.

Richmond, Virginia

Members Present

R. Michael Amyx
Stephanie Davis, Ph.D, Vice Chair (electronically)
Diane M. Linderman, PE
Rosemary M. Mahan, Chair

Members Absent

Kimble Reynolds, Jr.

Staff Present

J. David Conmy, Local Government Policy Administrator
Ali Akbor, Senior Public Finance Analyst
Cody Anderson, Legislative Affairs and Boards Coordinator

Call to Order

The Commission on Local Government (CLG) Chair, Mr. Mike Amyx, called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. It was expressed that Ms. Stephanie Davis was utilizing the Commission's electronic participation policy as outlined in Virginia Code Section § 2.2-3708.2. The personal reason noted was an impending snowstorm.

I. Administration

a. Election of Officers

The floor was opened for nominations for election of officers for 2020. Ms. Diane Linderman nominated Ms. Stephanie Davis for Vice Chair, which was seconded by Ms. Mahan, and the Commission unanimously elected Ms. Davis as Vice Chair. Ms. Linderman then nominated Ms. Rosemary Mahan for Chair, which was seconded by Mr. Amyx, and the commission unanimously elected Ms. Mahan as Chair for 2020. Ms. Mahan and Ms. Davis then assumed such officer positions.

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b. Approval of the Draft Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Linderman and seconded by Mr. Amyx to approve the draft agenda. The motion passed.

c. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 5, 2019

A motion was made by Ms. Linderman and seconded by Mr. Amyx to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 5, 2019. The motion passed with Dr. Davis abstaining from the vote.

d. Public Comment Period

Ms. Mahan opened the floor to receive comments from the public. No one from the public appeared before the Commission. The public comment period was then closed.

e. Policy Administrator's report

Mr. David Conmy shared with the Commission a copy of the Covington Alleghany County Joint Economic Growth Sharing Agreement designation of economic development areas ordinance. He noted that this was shared with the Commission in relation to its review of the economic growth sharing agreement in 2017.

Mr. Conmy informed the Commissioners of their upcoming required annual Conflict of Interest disclosures, which will be due on February 1, 2020.

Mr. Conmy informed the Commission that the Legislative Session begins on January 8th and that Commission staff had begun preparation work for incoming legislative requests.

Mr. Conmy gave the Commission an update on the status of Martinsville's decision to revert from independent city status to town status. He relayed that the city had not yet formally brought a notice of petition for reversion before the Commission, but gave a brief overview of the process going forward should Martinsville formally notify the Commission of its intention to revert.

Mr. Conmy then provided a brief roundup of news stories of interest to the Commission.

II. Fiscal Stress Report

Mr. Akbor gave an update on the Fiscal Stress report, noting that there are currently two locality submissions missing.

III. 2020 General Assembly Session

Mr. Conmy gave the Commission a brief overview of priorities that the General Assembly leadership had

identified for the upcoming session, and also gave a brief overview of proposed bills that staff had identified as possible bills of interest to the Commission.

Mr. Akbor summarized the process of forming the local Fiscal Impact Statements (FIS). He announced to the Commission that volunteers had been recruited for the formation of Fiscal Impact Statements. Mr. Akbor noted that thanks to DHCD's partnership with the Virginia Municipal League and the Virginia Association of Counties, 59 volunteers had been recruited, which was 14 more than the previous year and the highest number of volunteers ever recruited. He also noted that he and Mr. Conmy had produced a training video for the volunteers, which was something new for the local FIS recruitment process this year.

IV. Commission on Local Government Electronic Participation Policy Update

Mr. Anderson provided an update on changes to the 2018 Virginia State Code and the resulting changes to the Commission's policy to abide by state law. A motion was made by Ms. Linderman and seconded by Mr. Amyx to adopt the policy changes. The motion passed.

V. Schedule of Regular Meetings

Mr. Conmy noted that the next Commission on Local Government meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12th at 10:00 a.m. at the Virginia Housing Center in Glenn Allen, Virginia.

VI. Upcoming Events of Interest

Mr. Conmy relayed to the Commission that the General Assembly will convene on January 8th and end on March 7th. He also iterated to the Commission that the Virginia Municipal League, The Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions, and the Virginia Association of Counties were holding a joint Legislative Day conference and reception on February 7th.

VII. Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Linderman and seconded by Mr. Amyx for adjournment. The motion passed and the Commission adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Rosemary M. Mahan,
Chair

J. David Conmy,
Local Government Policy Administrator